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In re Patent of : Hector D. Petri : Patent No. 6546179 :

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GUIDE FOR ROUTING CABLES THROUGH

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 1.378(c), filed April 5, 2013, to reinstate the above-identified patent.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued April 8, 2003. The grace period for paying the seven and one-half (7½) year maintenance fee expired on April 8, 2011. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

A review of the petition reveals that the address appearing on the petition differs from the correspondence address of record. Applicant is advised that, in patented files: requests for changes of correspondence address, powers of attorney, revocations of powers of attorney, withdrawal of attorney and submissions under 37 CFR 1.501: Designation of, or changes to, a fee address, should be addressed to Mail Stop M Correspondence.

A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

The file is being forwarded to the files repository.

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